

police officers never fail to respond, regardless of the unknown dangers and threats that arise.

I'm reminded of the true definition of love in John 15:13, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." What a legacy of love, bravery and sacrifice Officer Hamilton leaves to inspire our nation.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Officer Hamilton's wife, daughter, parents and his extended family, including his brothers and sisters in blue at the Pikeville Police Department. Let us remember Officer Scotty Hamilton as a true American hero.

RECOGNIZING CONSERVATION BEYOND BORDERS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Conservation Beyond Borders and their tireless work to eradicate the illegal poaching of Rhinoceros' and the subsequent trafficking of their horns which are used to fund illicit activities. This form of wildlife terrorism promotes the trafficking of humans, arms, and narcotics as well as other illegal activities around the world.

As a University of Minnesota graduate and wildlife biologist, Nicole Benjamin-Fink serves as the Director of Conservation Beyond Borders and has spent countless hours working to identify the illegal trade of wildlife by global operative networks whose goal is to utilize endangered animals, like the rhinoceros, as trade commodities. Through the creation of Conservation Beyond Borders, Nicole has raised awareness and promoted cross-cultural conservation around the world.

Like Conservation Beyond Borders, I too believe in the importance of identifying the causes and impact of wildlife terrorism. I am honored to recognize outstanding Minnesotans like Nicole for their efforts to preserve our wildlife and end the criminal financing of terrorism.

I commend Conservation Beyond Borders for their efforts to conduct comprehensive research on these criminal networks and for attempting to ensure that all wildlife have the opportunity to flourish in their native homelands.

RECOGNIZING TWO EXEMPLARY OREGONIANS

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my friends, and two exemplary Oregonians who have dedicated their lives to service of their community and country. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Les Cochenour and his wife, Jody, are stalwart citizens of The Dalles, Oregon—my birthplace—who will be relocating from their treasured home in the Columbia Gorge to start a new chapter in their lives in Bend.

Before Les and Jody's new chapter begins, though, I would be remiss if I did not provide a brief account of their impactful chapters written in Wasco County.

Like me, both Les and Jody were raised in The Dalles. They are both proud alumni of The Dalles High School—high school sweethearts who graduated one year apart from each other and married just a few short months after Jody graduated. The foundation of their 56-year-long marriage began in high school, and so did the start of an inseparable duo of public servants.

Les entered the local National Guard Unit as a private straight out of high school. With a work ethic acquired at a young age on his farm in Dallesport, Les soon went on to officer candidate school and became a second lieutenant.

After more than two decades in the National Guard, Les joined the Army reserve, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and retired after another decade of service. Les' military record spans 31 years with the Army reserves, and 42 years as a military officer.

Just as his military service was winding down, Les' community service in The Dalles was just beginning. Les served as Mayor of The Dalles for two terms from 1990–1994. His leadership qualities and dedication to his constituents, including the planning of the Fort Dalles Readiness Center, earned him the position of President of the Oregon Mayor's Association in 1994.

A veteran himself, Les made it a top priority in his life to serve his fellow service men and women. He served on the board of the Oregon Veterans' Home for five years, dedicating his time to providing veterans and their families with a place to seek care, rehabilitation, and a roof over their heads.

Les is a founding member of the Mid-Columbia Veteran's Memorial Committee, providing another venue for service to his fellow veterans. All the while, Les has had a partner in this admirable endeavor of service to those who have served our country: his wife, Jody.

Jody, also a public servant who worked for the state in the Building Codes Division, is a board member of Mid-Columbia Veterans and a lifetime member of The Dalles Veterans of Foreign War Auxillary. A trailblazer of her own right, Jody launched the Red Crested Purple Breasted Cronies, a chapter of the National Red Hat Society that donates to a charity of their choosing each month.

Les and Jody have not been without recognition for their unique history of devoted service to others. Les has been honored with the bronze medallion of the Order of St. George from the U.S. Calvary and Armor Association, a prestigious honor that recognizes the long and honorable service to cavalry and armor, and recognizes the very best cavalryman.

Jody was awarded the Order of St. Joan D'Arc, an equally prestigious recognition for a spouse with "significant voluntary contributions to the morale, spirit and welfare of the armor and cavalry communities."

Suffice to say, today will be just one of many accounts of Les and Jody Cochenour's service to their fellow citizens in The Dalles, and people across America. While their address may change, I know that their commitment to our state and country will not.

Their home will always be in The Dalles, and their legacy of service to others will cer-

tainly be passed along to their five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and I imagine it will only be a matter of time before their impact will be profoundly felt by the community in Bend.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the whole House of Representatives and the people of The Dalles, please join me in expressing our sincerest thanks and gratitude to Les and Jody Cochenour for their lifelong dedication to community and country.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE THOMAS PATTERSON "PATT" MANEY

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to a local hero who has dedicated his life to humble service; service to his country, service to others, and service to the bench. One can get a slight understanding of the impact he's had on the lives of others by some of the powerful testimonies his colleagues will give about the man and his work, such as, "you will not find a more forceful advocate for justice" and "he is an irreplaceable asset to Okaloosa County."

The history of the life and work of Judge T. Patterson Maney is nothing short of astounding.

In 1974, he was admitted to the Bars of Kentucky and Florida and after a year of practice in Kentucky, moved to Okaloosa County where he established a general practice. He was appointed Okaloosa County Court Judge by Governor Bob Martinez and took the bench on June 5, 1989.

Brigadier General Maney's military service and experience played an intricate role in shaping his service on the bench. He served in the Army Reserve for almost 37 years in positions of increasing responsibility retiring as a brigadier general in 2007. During his reserve service, he was deployed to Panama, Haiti, Bosnia and Afghanistan for contingency operations. He commanded a reserve civil affairs brigade in Maryland as well as the 350 Civil Affairs Command in Pensacola and later served as the deputy commander of the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) and deputy commandant of the John F. Kennedy Special Operations School (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. In Bosnia, he served as the special assistant to the chief of staff and later as acting chief of staff of the Office of the High Representative, an international organization created to implement the Dayton Peace Accord. He played a key role in freedom of movement issues and security of meetings of the Bosnian tripartite Presidency and the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Sarajevo in April 1997. Later, in Afghanistan for 17 months, he served the U.S. Ambassador as senior advisor for the political sector with the status of attaché. In that role, he coordinated with the office of the presidency, various ministers including the Ministers of Justice and the Supreme Court, and the Joint Election Monitoring Commission.

In 2005, Brigadier General Maney was severely injured by a blast in Afghanistan and spent nearly 2 years recovering from those injuries. Brigadier General Maney returned triumphantly to the bench in May 2007. He has